

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Comment on Submissions

1. This communication is responsive to submissions 17 September 2008.
2. Claims 2, 13-14 and 18 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3-12 and 15-17 are allowed.
4. Claims 1, 3-12 and 15-17 were indicated as allowable in the previous Office Action, dated 2 September 2008.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faye Boosalis whose telephone number is 571-272-2447. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Porta can be reached on 571-272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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